

# SIGNATURE HASH FOR CHECKING VERSIONS OF ABSTRACT DATA TYPES

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method, apparatus, and article of manufacture for providing to a signature hash  
for checking versions of abstract data types. An identifier is constructed for the abstract  
data type that is substantially unique to the abstract data type, wherein the identifier  
comprises a concatenation of various attributes for the abstract data type. The constructed  
identifier is hashed to generate a signature hash value for the abstract data type, which is  
10 then stored both in the database and a class definition for the abstract data type. When the  
class definition is instantiated as a library function, it accesses the abstract data type from the  
database, and compares the signature hash value from the database and the signature hash  
value from the class definition in order to verify that the class definition is not outdated.  
15 The class definition is outdated when the abstract data type has been altered without the  
signature hash value being re-generated and re-stored in the database and the class definition.

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